

PUBLIC LEADER



SEVENTH YEAR.

MAYSVILLE, KY., SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1898.

ONE CENT.

We All Know

There is a popular belief that eyes cannot be properly fitted outside of an oculist's office, but we are constantly proving the incorrectness of that belief. If you have a dull pain about the eyeball, or if, when reading, the letters seem to run together, call and be relieved. We charge nothing for examination, and guarantee satisfaction in every case.

BALLENGER,
Jeweler and Optician.



Purely Business!

The columns of a newspaper represent a cash value. No publisher can afford to give advertising "cuties" free any more than a merchant can lose over his counter the price of dry goods or shoes. A newspaper is a legitimate business concern. Its columns are its stock in trade, and advertisements should be paid for, no matter in what part of the paper they appear.

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MORE DAYS

To buy the best clothing sold in the state at 25 per cent. less than the regular price. Whilst we enjoyed an immense trade the past week, our stock was so large that in most lots we have a full assortment of sizes left. There are several lots, however, of our choicest suits that sizes are badly broken. If we can fit you in these the price will be the smallest matter in them.

Special Reduction
On Our Finest
Overcoats.

We refer to our finest patent Beaver Camel's Hair and Tan Melton DRESS OVERCOATS, garments that are worth \$22.50, \$25 and \$30.00 like them in the state until Saturday night, January 1st, you can take choice of them for

\$15.00

We have a few of our fine SMOCKING JACKETS left, they will make nice New Year's gifts! regular price \$7.50 to \$10. You can take choice for \$6.50. This is less than manufacturer's price, but we do not want to carry them over.

All of this week until Saturday night we will give a special discount on our \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$6.50 SHIRTS.

HECHINGER & CO

LEADERS IN FINE CLOTHING AND SHIRTS.

During this sale no goods will be sent out on approval, nor will any be charged; please don't ask us to.

...THE...
BEE HIVE

...THE...
BEE HIVE

For Another Week

We will continue our phenomenal offer—
\$6.95 for choice of any, none reserved.

If former price was \$10 or \$25 you can look them over carefully now and take your pick for \$6.95. We sold over 100 of these garments last week, showing the public is going to appreciate a really good thing. We have still some 300 left. Come soon before the best are sold out.

200 pairs 10-4 BLANKETS, gray and white, heavy and warm, 40c. pair.

Ladies' ALL-WOOL FLANNEL SKIRT, 40 inches long, 40c. each.

Ladies' FRENCH SATINE SKIRTS, lined and lined throughout with

Outing Cloth, 75c. each.

Large SATINE BED COMFORTS, \$1 each.

Ladies' ALL-WOOL MITTS, 10c., 15c. and 25c.

Child's ALL-WOOL MITTS, 5c., 10c. and 15c.

Ladies' and Children's ALL-WOOL and FLEECED HOSE from 5c. pair up.

Just now you will find our store special headquarters for all cold weather Dry Goods and Notions.

ROSENAU BROS.,

KINGS OF LOW PRICES.

PROPRIETORS BEE HIVE.

MAYSVILLE WEATHER.

What We May Expect for the Next Twenty-Four Hours.

THE LADDER'S WEATHER SIGNALS.

While STORMS—Fair.
Blue—Rain or snow.
If Black above—(will) warmer.
If Black below—(will) colder.
If Black's shadow—no change.
If Black's shadow—no change.
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If you have friends visiting you, or if you are going away on a visit, please drop us a note to that effect.

Mrs. S. P. Baird has returned to Carleisle after a short visit to relatives here.

Miss Ada Calhoun has returned from a visit to Miss Mayne Brown of Portsmouth.

Miss Louis Fox of the county is the guest of Mrs. C. C. Clarke of North Middletown.

Mr. W. H. Sawyer is home after spending the holidays with his family at Colton, O.

Mr. G. E. Schaefer has returned home from Cincinnati.

Mrs. Catherine Swisher of this city is visiting her father, Mr. John Bromley of Cincinnati.

All matter for publication must be sent in before 9 o'clock in the morning of each day.

If you have an item of news, please call up THE LEADER, Telephone 12, and send it in.

Fire Insurance—John C. Everett.

Pure Home-made Candles at Traxler's.

Services tomorrow at the M. E. Church, South, at the usual hours.

Anchor Patent Flour for \$5 a barrel cash.

N. C. RUSSELL & SONS.

Special Bargains in trimmed and untrimmed Millinery at Mrs. L. V. Davis's.

Hay's Cough Syrup will cure that cough or money refunded, at P. O. Drugstore.

Teeth extracted without pain. Dr. J. W. Cartmell, over Harry Taylor's. Phone 60.

Chenoweth's Headache Cure is guaranteed to cure your headache or money refunded.

Mrs. G. W. Geisel for the past four weeks has been ill but is now somewhat better.

The nomination of B. F. Glan for Postmaster at Augusta was sent to the Senate yesterday.

Mrs. Mary Gilmore, as her many friends will be glad to learn, is recovering from a severe illness.

Call and see how cheap Murphy, the Jeweler, will sell you a handsome Diamond or a Gold Watch. Prices less than any house in Maysville.

The Union Prayer Service will be held tonight at the Central Presbyterian Church. Subject, "Home Missions." All cordially invited to attend.

Twenty-five diamond keepers at Poits mouth have been indicted for violating the liquor law, gambling, crapshooting and a few other innocent amusements.



THE FALLEN FOOTBALL HERO.

Into the thick of the fray he charged, The football hero bold, Slumping his enemies under foot, Knocking 'em stiff and cold. But fate plays fast and loose at times, And her favorites sometimes fail, So the hero goes down in the dust at last And another one gets the ball. When he's seen again what a change is there! Ten pounds in his weight is missing. And pale and discolored he is carried away Mites howling and scolding and bawling. No more will be tackle and rush the guard. Too light in weight is he now, For in that scrimmage he lost his hair—Scalped from his crown to his brow!

J. H. Blackford died at Paris Wednesday, aged 57.

Mr. E. H. Nesbitt has been on the sick list for several days.

It is now unlawful to kill quail or pheasant in Kentucky.

A new A. O. U. W. Lodge has been organized at Frankfort.

Lewis W. Griffith of Germantown was granted a pension of \$5 per month.

Thirteen prisoners were sent from Fayette county to the Penitentiary last week.

Mr. Waldo Hamilton is now able to sit up after a serious illness of several weeks.

Today is the thirtieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Geisel.

Don't fail to place your "ad" in THE LEADER if you want the most for your money.

Mr. Robert Toup has gone to St. Louis to accept a position in a buggy and carriage factory.

Friday Orders for lunch at J. A. Dreier & Co.'s all day and tonight at 114 Market street.

Orders for Cut Flowers and Ice Cream left at Hay's Drugstore will receive my prompt attention. W. T. MARTIN.

A long-distance telephone circuit of 1,500 miles was successfully employed between Gallatin, Tenn., and Norfolk, Va.

Ralph Guay of Handville, Lewis county, while blasting a few days since, had his face and eyes badly burned.

Mr. Isaac Osborne, one of the oldest citizens of Frankfort, died at the age of 85. He was a Mexican War veteran.

J. Ernest Cassidy of Fleming, who lost his hand by a gun, will receive \$2,500 from his accident insurance company.

Mr. Harvie L. Schatzman of Cincinnati, who has been seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia, is improving very slowly.

J. W. Robertson and T. J. Cogan, Jr., of Maysville have gone to Cincinnati where they will try to enlist in the regular army.

The Christian Church which was organized at Peterborough last Sunday by Rev. T. P. Dogman starts out with thirty members.

Mr. James M. Woods and family, who moved from this city to Lexington some months since, will return here about the first of February.

Mr. John I. Winter will open an implement and machinery store at Brookville about the first of February, to be in charge of Doll Wilson of that town.

The name of The Bluegrass Blade, C. C. Moore's paper, has been changed to The Cincinnati Free Opinion, and it is now published by the Ohio Liberal Society.

Mr. Charles H. White fell on the icy pavement Thursday in front of Messrs. C. D. Russell & Co.'s store and broke the small finger of his left hand at the second joint.

By order of General John B. Gordon, Commander of the United Confederate Veterans, Adjutant General George Moorham has issued a general order fixing July 31st, 1898, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 1898, as the date for the next annual reunion to be held at Atlanta, Ga.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey has discharged all engineers who have reached the age of fifty years. The railroad company gives as reason that it has decided that it cannot afford the risk of having men of advanced age in such an important position as that of engineer.

The Fire Fighters yesterday received 31 coaches and bed lounges, the same being the first installment of an order for 144. Watch for his opening prices on these goods. The Editor knows the prices and they are "knockout drops."

The 10 per cent. plan surely works beautifully. Take the Editor's advice and keep your eye on Winter's special which is truly named the Buyer's Guide. The opening prices will appear in Monday's LEADER.

The late G. G. Kilpatrick left \$1,000 life insurance.

R. K. Hoedlich has filed in the County Court his commission as Notary Public, with James Rice as surety.

The venerable Joseph Wallingford, the retired banker, is seriously ill at his home on East Third street.

The Nelson Mills will be disposed of at public sale today. The judgments against the concern amount to \$15,153.47.

Richard H. Bowman, formerly of this office, was Thursday night unanimously elected President of the City Council at Newport.

In a \$50,000 suit for damages against Dr. Montague R. Leverton at New York a jury gave Anthony Comstock a verdict for six cents.

An advertiser elsewhere wants a partner with \$1,000 to engage in a good manufactory. THE LEADER vouches for the advertiser.

Chairman George H. Heiser, of the Ways and Means Committee advises elsewhere for several city bonds. He wants to pay them.

Miss Sadie Howe Shepard entertained last evening with a grand old party about twenty being present. All speak in high terms of the pleasures enjoyed.

Mr. George H. Owens is Agent for this city and surrounding territory for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Kentucky, one of the very best Companies in the country. You will help yourself by taking a policy with him.

Tomorrow will be Quarterly Meeting at the Third street M. E. Church. The Presiding Elder G. R. Pranger will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. All cordially invited. The business meeting will be held on Monday at 7 p. m.

Frankfort Capital—"Miss Glascock scored another success here last evening with her Grecian entertainment. All of her work bears the stamp of a finished artist and she can only be thoroughly appreciated after having been heard."

Mr. John H. Bode died this morning at 1 o'clock at the family residence on West Second street after an illness of only five days. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ann of the Sixth Ward and was 39 years of age. Besides her husband she leaves two small children, the youngest one month old. The arrangements for the funeral had not been completed when THE LEADER went to press.

John Winter, "The Price Fighter," yesterday received a new Sewing Machine, and we asked him what he was going to do with all of them. He laughingly replied, "Still there's more to follow," informing us that this was the first shipment of 85 bought last week direct from St. Louis at jobber's price, and that they would follow in lots of 17 each until the entire 85 arrived. Mr. Winter informs us that he will retail these machines on a cash basis, and that will bring them to exactly the wholesale price; so we advise the public to watch his advertisement, which will appear in a few days. We know the price and confidently state that it will be a knockout blow to all competition.

DIDN'T EAT THE PAINT.

But Dr. Samel got Away With Everything Else in the Lighthouse.

Dr. J. H. Samel, accompanied by Mrs. Samel and their son Lovel, returned last evening from Florida.

The result of his visit, with a chapter of "experience," is given by The Commercial Tribune:

Dr. J. H. Samel of Maysville arrived at the Palace yesterday, accompanied by his wife and son, en route home after an interesting and beneficial six weeks sojourn on the extreme Southern coast of Florida. He went South for the benefit of his health, and not only got well but had plenty of sport in the bargain, as well as an experience which was thrilling and unusual enough to afford him a quite realistic idea of what "those who go down to the sea in ships" may suffer from shipwreck.

"Friday morning before Christmas," the Doctor relates, "a party of four of us decided to take a little spin out in the Gulf. It was a bright, beautiful day, and we were soon under good headway in one of the little boats which were at our command. We had been out some hours, when almost without warning the storm clouds gathered and it began to blow great guns."

We realized that it would be impossible for us to reach the shore, so we started on a run to a lighthouse near at hand. We made the landing in time, but only just in time, for then the storm burst with redoubled fury, and our little boat would surely have found it impossible to weather the gale if we had been out in it. For three days we were kept prisoners in the cramped quarters of the lighthouse before the storm subsided sufficiently to enable us to again set sail."

As the keeper of the lighthouse had on for us some good provisions for himself for three days, you may imagine the predicament we found ourselves in when he attempted to provision the whole crew. We didn't quite starve to death, but we came near selling everything in sight that about the only thing that escaped our voracious appetites was the paint on the walls."

Rev. William Shoemith, State Superintendent of the Kentucky Children's Home Society, will preach tomorrow night in Mitchell Chapel, East Maysville. All are cordially invited to be present.

Rev. J. C. Mulloy, Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, will fill the pulpit tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. and Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 p. m. The subject of the evening sermon will be "A Voice From the Pit." Services at 3 p. m. today, preparatory to the sacramental service. All cordially invited to attend these services.

Y. M. C. A. MATTERS.

What the Local Association is Doing For the City's Young Men.

Prof Hayes Thomas will conduct a brief service for boys tomorrow at 3 p. m. The leader has planned for something of interest to all boys, who are cordially invited.

The Men's Rally tomorrow at 3 p. m. will be conducted by Mr. James Childs. Miss Katie Ross will render a violin solo, and Miss Carrie Hays will accompany her on the piano. The address will be given by Rev. Thomas Bagley on the theme "The Bible the Word of God." This will be the first of a series of addresses on the Bible, the others being "The Bible and Its Prophecies," "The Bible and Its History," "The Bible and Its Code of Morals." Come to this service, men, young and old, and you will enjoy listening to Rev. Bagley, at the same time be benefited.

Homeceekers' Excursion, January 14th, 1898.

On January 14th the C. and O. will sell round-trip tickets, Maysville to certain points in the West, Southwest and South at one fare, plus \$2. For full particulars see C. and O. Ticket Agent.

MISSSES' and CHILDREN'S

Chocolate

HIGH SHOES.

J. HENRY PECOR.

SILK SHIRT WAISTS

The woman who has more silk waists than she can use is yet to be found. Nothing so beautifully completes the tailor-made suit of jacket and skirt, nothing gives such pleasant and economical variety to one's dress. The last of a dozen handsome taffeta shirt waists we've marked at a hurry price. The colors—cardinal, navy, black. All made with yoke backs, blouse fronts and lined throughout. \$1.50 instead of \$3. A Tuesday wonder not likely to last the dozen out. More? No; this ends them.

CORSETS.

Three odd lots of corsets marked down to 75c. are going, but not fast enough. Now, either you don't want a corset at any price or you don't understand what a great big \$1 worth we're giving. Maybe you'll buy for future use though, as we're going to sell them now for 10c. All sizes.

SILK LINES.

Draperies, cushions, etc., bear an important relation to interior cheerfulness of the home. Small outfit may brighten a whole apartment. New styles just received. Pretty as silk and prettier. 10c., 12c.

NECKWEAR.

The new Windsor Neck Scarf fashionable femininity now finds no facelining. All lace trimmed. 35c. and 50c., instead of 60c. and 60c.

D. HUNT & SON.

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JANUARY—1898.						
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"The best way to get rid of a bad law is to enforce it."—General Grant.

Here's more battle-ship trouble. There is said to be a superstition, almost universal among sailors, that it is ill-omen to have a married woman christen a ship. The selection of Mrs. ELIZABETH MAYNARD WINSLOW to christen the new battle-ship Kearsarge, to be launched in five or six days at Newport News, has aroused the superstitions of sailors and Captains of the Navy.

In his speech against the Civil Service Law General GROSVENOR spoke of CARL SCHREZ as an "international and interstate prostitute," and he hit it about right. SCHREZ is a Prussian outlaw, compelled to flee to this country to save his neck, and since his naturalization here he has been one of the most persistent of office-seekers, deserting first one party then another whenever he failed to get a fat place. SCHREZ is a demagogue of the highest type.

EAST AND WEST.

Boston Objects to Better Prices For Farm Products.

FARMER'S SUCCESS AIDS ALL.

Des Moines Register.

The Boston Herald complains that what they are compelled to buy in the East is higher now than it was a year ago. "The prime necessities of life" are quoted here as follows:

Flour is fully 55 per cent. higher.
Corn is 10 to 15 per cent. higher.
Pork is over 35 per cent. higher.
Mutton is over 35 per cent. higher.
Potatoes are over 100 per cent. higher.
Butter is more than 15 per cent. higher.
Eggs are over 10 per cent. higher.
Wool is nearly 50 per cent. higher.
Hides are 40 per cent. higher.

We accept all these figures as correct. We point to them with pride. We can assure The Boston Herald that even at these increased prices the farmers who grow these above named articles do not make too much money. A year ago the complaint was that prices were too low. They were too low. Agricultural prices under the lower tariff meant ruin for the farmer. It did not pay to till the land. It was a question of living prices. The new prices are fairly satisfactory. They are none too high.

How do these prices help the East? There are farmers in the Eastern States. The farmers of the great Mississippi Valley who receive living wages will buy more of the products of the factories of the East. That will make a demand for manufactured goods. That will increase the opportunities for labor and tend to increase the wages. The greatest amount of business is not done on low prices, but on reasonable prices. The American farmer cannot grow wheat or corn or pork or wool for lower prices than those

which now obtain. If the farmer cannot live as an American ought to live then neither the business man nor the laborer in the cities can prosper. The Boston Herald is engaged in the small business of seeking to array the workmen of the East, as consumers, against the producers of the West. It is small business which we have had to meet in the form of Populism.

Nor do we maintain that all the increases noted are wholly due to the Dingley-Alfano tariff. We contend for nothing of the kind. Many of the advances enumerated have resulted from causes beyond human legislation. We should not be so short sighted as to connect prices and politics absolutely. If we do that, then every time there is a change in prices we may look for a change in politics. We will make our Government the sport of the stock and produce gamblers. We must not teach men to vote merely for prices, but for principles. Very likely a year from now some prices will be down. Politics has nothing to do with them, except as politics affects labor and business by increasing and decreasing home consumption. All that we contend for is a tariff is that it tends to keep our own people employed by decreasing imports. That tendency increases employment, wages, prosperity. Protectionists do not vote to increase the price of wheat, but they do vote to increase the amount of employment at home.

EXPOSING IMPOSTORS!

The Government Pension Lists Will Be Published.

GETTING RID OF THE FRAUDS.

Washington Letter Chicago Record.

A bill will be introduced in Congress and pressed for passage this session providing for the publication of a list of persons now drawing pensions from the United States, for the purpose of submitting it to public scrutiny.

The ultimate object is to secure criticism and information concerning those whose names will appear. There are tens of thousands of persons drawing pensions who are not entitled to them and have obtained them by fraud, although it is difficult to prove it.

If a list of the names of pensioners to every county or township was posted in a conspicuous place with a brief statement of the military service claimed, the amount of the pension and the reason why it was granted it would doubtless bring down upon the Commissioner here voluntary evidence from neighbors and former comrades of the greatest value.

There is no good reason why the pension list should not be made public. A pension is a badge of honor, a reward for patriotism and faithful military service, and its value is very much reduced in the mind of every honest citizen when it is conferred upon unworthy men and is conferred upon those who have no title to it.

If the pension list should be published as proposed the revelation would cause astonishment in every community. It would expose thousands of impostors and men who performed no military service, or so little that they would not be able to face their former comrades. Every now and then the agents of the Pension Bureau stumble over cases in which men who performed little or no service during the War have been awarded honors which none but crippled veterans are entitled to and others who are in ill health or are disabled are receiving credit and compensation for disabilities that can in no way be attributed to their military service.

This movement was not proposed by civilians or enemies of the pension system. It is backed by the Loyal Legion and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who feel a pride in their pensions and are determined to do all they can to drive the frauds out of the Pension Office just as they drove them out of the camps during the War.

The people at Grand Army headquarters say that the organization is anxious to purge the pension roll if it can be done without injustice to deserving soldiers and their widows, but they think the number of fraudulent pensions has been very much exaggerated. They say that during the last Cleveland Administration \$1,000,000 was spent in a search for impostors and very few were found.

Hawkeye Tribune No. 117, I. O. R. M., of Manchester at its last meeting received seventeen petitions for membership.

CABINET MEETS.

Workings of the Civil Service Law Under Discussion.

Main Feature, However, Was the Consideration of the Eastern Question.

Daughter of Ex-Gov. Waite Attempts Suicide—The Redemption of the One Hundred Dollar Silver Certificate Found—No Counterfeit Found.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The cabinet meeting Friday was attended by all the members except Secretary Alger, who is still confined to his house by illness. There was some discussion of the remaining answers to be made to the congressional resolution calling upon the heads of the various executive departments for an expression of opinion as to the workings of the civil service regulations, and inviting suggestions for their improvement. The answers of the secretaries of the interior, navy and war have been withheld, and the subject was discussed Friday with the purpose of making sure that there are no broad conflicts of expressed opinion in the answers. The most important matter considered however was the eastern situation, which was discussed at some length. It appeared to be the opinion of the secretary of state and the members generally that the gravity of the situation was overestimated. On the subject of action, it was thought, had no other purpose than the acquisition of a naval station and did not indicate that he had any ulterior designs upon Chinese territory, other than for the purpose stated. Great Britain and the other powers it was thought, would be granted the same concessions Germany had acquired, but beyond this the European nations would not seek to go. The opinion was also expressed that the interests of the United States in China were not present in any sense involved, nor were they likely to be.

The proposed relief expedition to the Kiondike also was touched upon. It is believed that some doubt has arisen as to the need for additional supplies in the new gold fields, and it is not likely that final relief steps will be taken until the necessity for the expedition has been fully demonstrated.

Miss May Waite, 34 years old and said to be a daughter of ex-Gov. Waite, of Colorado, attempted to commit suicide Friday by taking strychnine. She was formerly employed in the government printing office, but lost her place and grew dependent upon her sister and the marriage of Arthur R. Waite, a brother employed in the government printing office, to whom she was greatly attached. Her condition is not regarded as serious. It is said this is the fourth time she has attempted suicide.

The receipts of \$100 silver certificates Friday aggregated \$338,000, of which \$314,000 came from the sub-treasuries as follows:

New York \$125,000; Philadelphia \$80,000; Cincinnati \$35,000; St. Louis \$150,000; New Orleans \$33,000.

The arrivals from leading banks aggregate \$171,000, of which \$104,000 came from Washington banks. None of the counterfeit notes were found in these shipments.

The treasury Friday shipped \$1,000,000 in fives, tens, twenties and fifties to the New York sub-treasury to assist in the redemption of \$100 certificates. Orders have also been given to the bureau of engraving an amounting for \$1,000,000 in fifties, and in smaller denominations the bureau turns out about \$450,000 a day.

Congressman Hicken presented to the house of representatives Friday a petition representing 35,000 railroad employees of the United States, and letters of president and secretary of the officers of the railway unions of North America, to speaker Reed, accompanying the petition, praying for the enactment of a law to properly equip every freight and passenger car engaged in interstate commerce with a "smoke automatic coupler."

Senator Lodge Friday introduced a bill to provide for the construction of a telegraphic cable from this country to the Hawaiian islands and Japan, China and Australasia. The bill grants a subsidy of \$195,000 a year for 20 years on the service to Hawaii and an additional \$75,000 a year for the same length of time for the extension of the line to Japan and Australasia. A survey by the secretary of the navy to ascertain the most feasible route is authorized.

A bill was introduced in the house Friday by Representative Bellnap, of Chicago, proposing retaliatory steps against France if the plans of the French government for an increase of duties on American most products is carried out. Mr. Bellnap's bill is understood to be expressive of the views of Chicago and the West generally, as a result of the recent action of the French chamber of deputies. It authorizes an increase of duty on articles brought from France in amount equivalent to the additional duties imposed on American products.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The new code of rules of the house of representatives has been under consideration by Speaker Reed and his republican associates of the rules committee during the holiday recess. It is substantially the same as the present code, no vital features being changed and the modifications being directed mainly toward the simplification and more orderly keeping of the record of bills and legislation in general.

With Employers Electricity.

New York, Jan. 8.—The Evening World says: "The Manhattan Elevated Railroad Co. will within the week begin the installation of an electric system. The third-rail system will be adopted."

Major Buttermilk Settles.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Jan. 8.—Hon. Benjamin Buttermilk is still improving, though slowly. Dr. Morton said Friday night that he has a chance to get well.

The Buyers' Guide

INTRODUCTORY.

To the People of Maysville, Mason and Adjoining Counties: Greeting.

We have cast our lot with you, we trust, for our mutual benefit. Our business methods may be a little strange to you, and at first unattractive, but we trust and believe that ere long you will become very friendly with them, for they will surely redound to your benefit. Our motto in the rock-ribbed hills of Bracken has always been—

**"Buy 'Em Right,
Add 10% and
Sell 'Em Quick."**

We bring this same motto with us to your city, and trust that the good old sword will win as many battles here as it has in old Bracken. At any rate we will not part with it, for it is made of Damascus steel and a "Keen Cutter."

We ask your support and influence, standing upon the following

PLATFORM!

1st—Recognizing your right to trade where you can buy for the least money, regardless of friendship or obligations, we will "Buy 'em right, add 10 per cent. and sell 'em quick."

2d—Realizing the volume of business necessary to a success on the 10 per cent. plan, and the shortness of life, we will have only one price, and that price the same to every one. Life is too short to "Jew."

3d—Realizing that mutual confidence is a necessary adjunct to success, we will personally indorse and guarantee any and all representations made by any employee of our house regarding any of our goods.

4th—We will keep no books. Life is too short, and besides the 10 per cent. plan does not admit of book-keeping. We will sell for cash or its equivalent, viz: A bankable note—with this exception: Wheat Drills, Reaping Machines and Russell Engines and Threshers will still be sold on one, two and three years.

5th—We guarantee the price of any article leaving our house. Our canvassers will call upon you shortly with them, for their price is the same as the price in the house. We all have the same price, and that price is guaranteed, for we realize that no one else works on the 10 per cent. plan.

6th—Realizing that a "rolling stone gathers no moss," we have come to stay, and all we ask of the good people of the fair county of Mason is a careful consideration of our statements, and a verification of same by an examination of our goods and prices, then "Do unto us as we do unto you."

This is our Platform upon which we will sink or swim. We stand squarely and positively upon the six planks. Study it carefully. If it merits your approval give us your patronage. We ask only one favor of the public, a granting of which will also greatly favor the grantor. This is our space and we have dedicated it "The Buyers' Guide." We do ask you to consult this space before buying anything in our line and thereby post yourself as to the market price of the desired article. We hope to be ready to serve you by January 8th, 1898. Thanking you in advance for a careful perusal of our Platform, we beg to subscribe ourselves "Yours at 10 per cent."

JOHN I. WINTER,

"THE PRICE FIGHTER."

Bargains

We are closing out our interest in the Furniture business in this city, as we have stated before, and desiring to close out our entire stock of Furniture by January 1st, 1898, we are offering bargains in

**BEDROOM SUITS,
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